Town Hall Minutes

Class: OMS-I

Date: April 3, 2020

Reflection: I am your strength and your shield, says the Lord. When weakness threatens you must find your place of refuge in Me and stand strong. Possess and maintain an attitude of faith and resilience. I have called you, My people, to be overcomers even in the most dire circumstances. John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1. Question/Concern: Is there a way to streamline announcements we are receiving?
   a. Answer/Solution: We are trying to consolidate the information as much as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

2. Question/Concern: Will we eventually be using the CEILO clinic rooms for real patients?
   a. Answer/Solution: Yes, we will be opening an OMT clinic, spearheaded by Dr. Leggoe. The clinic’s purpose will be to take care of unserved people in the community. Learners will have the opportunity to be involved in the planning. Stay tuned for more information.

3. Question/Concern: MPH program
   a. Answer/Solution: The program will start in the Fall semester (August 24th start date) and will be completely online. There will be 10-15 students in the first class. It is a 42 credit hour program in which you will receive an academic advisor and various courses offered each semester (you don’t have to take them all) to work within your schedules. Tuition will be an additional fee, but very reasonable ($175 per credit hour). Learners can start at any stage after the first semester of medical school and it may be offered in residency programs as well.

4. Question/Concern: Match data for DOs
   a. Answer/Solution: NRMP website will give you the finalized information in the month of May after SOAP is complete. The match percentage this year so far is 90.7% DO seniors matched (2.4 higher than last year).

5. Question/Concern: Is scratch paper allowed for STRX?
   a. Answer/Solution: Yes, we will allow one piece of blank white paper. Before you start, you will show the paper to the monitoring system to make sure there is nothing written on it. After the exam, please shred the paper or get rid of it to protect the integrity of future exams.

6. Question/Concern: Summer internships/preceptorships
   a. Answer/Solution: At this time, all international trips have been cancelled. Preceptorships, internships, etc. do not have the correct PPE available to protect learners. Contact Dr. Sanderlin about preceptorship opportunities if you have a specific question/concern. We are looking for virtual/online opportunities in the meantime.

7. Question/Concern: Keeping current SIGS groups
   a. Answer/Solution: The Curriculum Committee will make a final decision about keeping/changing current SIGS groups for the next unit.

8. Question/Concern: Medical Spanish
   a. Answer/Solution: Stay tuned for more updates on medical Spanish (may be offered online).

Department/Individual Updates:

OASA:

- [Cardinal Care resource page](#) (full of resources to help you navigate this difficult time)
• Support groups – there is a Parent Support Group and a SOM Learner Support Group to help you connect with other learners (see info on Cardinal Care page)
• Financial Aid – Celia Velez is available to assist (cavalez1@uiwtx.edu)
• Behavioral Health – our SOM counselor is available for telecounseling (alportil@uiwtx.edu)

Dr. Steele

• 8 strains of COVID 19
• We will see more minor changes in the virus as this goes on
• 25% cases are asymptomatic – people will not know they have it
• It will be a few more weeks until we see it peak here in San Antonio
• Take a break from the news
• Deaths will have to be assessed over a longer period-of-time in order to see the real impact of COVID-19